

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-9. Canceled.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for re-keying a lockset comprising:

providing a lockset having a lock cylinder body, a first axis, and a plug assembly, the plug assembly including a guide bar and a plurality of first pin members and a plurality of second pin members, each of the first pin members being coupled to an associated one of the second pin members to inhibit relative translation movement therebetween along ~~[[a]]~~ the first axis;

inserting a first key with a first key profile to the plug assembly to align the second pin members in a predetermined orientation;

rotating the plug assembly relative to the lock cylinder body to maintain the second pin members in the predetermined orientation;

moving the guide bar transverse to the first axis to uncoupling uncouple the first pin members from the second pin members to permit relative translation movement therebetween along the first axis;

removing the first key from the plug assembly;

Inserting a second key with a second key profile to the plug assembly to reposition at least one of the first pin members relative to a respective one of the second pin members along the first axis, the second key profile being different than the first key profile;

re-coupling each of the first pin members to the associated one of the second pin members ~~to thereby inhibit relative translation therebetween along the first axis.~~

11. (Original) The method of Claim 10, wherein the plug assembly is rotated through a predetermined angle relative to the lock cylinder body prior to uncoupling the first pin members from the second pin members.

12. (Original) The method of Claim 11, wherein rotation of the plug assembly through the predetermined angle radially locates a guide bar to a groove that is formed in the lock cylinder body and wherein uncoupling the first pin members from the second pin members is effected by moving the guide bar into the groove.

13. (Currently Amended) A method for re-keying a lockset comprising:

[[The method of Claim 12,]]

providing a lockset having a lock cylinder body and a plug assembly, the plug assembly including a plurality of first pin members and a plurality of second pin members, each of the first pin members being coupled to an associated one of the second pin members to inhibit relative translation therebetween along a first axis;

inserting a first key with a first key profile to the plug assembly to align the second pin members in a predetermined orientation;

rotating the plug assembly relative to the lock cylinder body to maintain the second pin members in the predetermined orientation;

uncoupling the first pin members from the second pin members to permit relative translation therebetween along the first axis;

removing the first key from the plug assembly;

inserting a second key with a second key profile to the plug assembly to reposition at least one of the first pin members relative to a respective one the

second pin members along the first axis, the second key profile being different than the first key profile; and

re-coupling each of the first pin members to the associated one of the second pin members to thereby inhibit relative translation therebetween along the first axis;

wherein the plug assembly is rotated through a predetermined angle relative to the lock cylinder body prior to uncoupling the first pin members from the second pin members, and rotation of the plug assembly through the predetermined angle radially locates a guide bar to a groove that is formed in the lock cylinder body, and uncoupling the first pin members from the second pin members is effected by moving the guide bar into the groove.

wherein the plug assembly includes a plug and wherein the guide bar is moved into the groove when a tool that is inserted through a face on the plug is employed to push the guide bar in a direction that is generally parallel to a longitudinal axis of the plug assembly.

14. (Original) The method of Claim 12, wherein maintenance of the second pin members in the predetermined orientation is effected through engagement of a lock bar to the second pin members.

15-20. Canceled